## LACDMH CELEBRATES 2014 EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR By Karen Zarsadiaz-Ige, Public Information Officer

On Thursday, October 9, 2014, the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) celebrated its 2014 Employees of the Year at the newly renovated Bob Hope Patriotic Hall in downtown LA. This year, there were five individual award winners along with two winning teams.

The LACDMH Employees of the Year program is designed so employees can honor their extraordinary colleagues who go above and beyond. The HONORS Committee reviews all the nominations and scores them based on criteria aligned with LACDMH's mission and values.

LACDMH Director Marvin Southard, D.S.W., hosted the event and thanked all those who were nominated and won awards for their outstanding work. "I believe we – you – already give the best services for those who are mentally ill. I believe the quality of the work we have done so far makes things better for the people of LA County. It would not be possible without the people that we are honoring today," said Dr. Southard. "Let's give ourselves a round of applause. This applause is deserved. If we do what we do well, then we are helping to give people a chance at hope, wellness and recovery."

Here are LACDMH's Employees of the Year for 2014:



**Leadership**: Manuel Rosas, Jr.



**Dedicated Direct Services Individual:** Carlos Preciado



**Dedicated Direct Services Team:**Santa Clarita Valley MHC FCCS Team (Anne Stenquist & Regina Hearn)



**Dedicated Support Services Individual:**Gail Sulser



**Dedicated Support Services Individual:** Maria T. Mata



## **Dedicated Support Services Team:**

**IBHIS Integration Team** 

(Abel Rosales, Archie Wilson, Cecilia Bolanos, Charlie Wang, Cindy De Felipe, Diane Zordilla, Elsa Belloso, Genevieve Hetterscheidt, Gordon Bunch, Gregory Figaire, John Fuentes, Joseph Martinez III, Juan Fermin, Justin Taylor, Katia Kermoyan, Kim Nguyen, Martin Corral, Mohammed Abdulla, Racheal Burgess, Sylvia Liu, Thelma Gonzalez, Trinh Le, William Griffin and Zak Masud.



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